

CHAPTER XX. The Return of Marian Devereux. "Sister Theresa has left, str."

Bates had been into Annandale to wail some letters, and I was staring aut upon the park from the library window when he entered. Stoddard, having kept watch the night before, was at home asleep, and Larry was off somewhere in the house treasure aunting. I was feeling decidedly discouraged over our failure to make any progress with our investigations, and Bates' news did not interest me.

"Well, what of it?" I demanded, without turning round.

"Nothing, sir; but Miss Devereux has come back!"

I turned and took a step toward the

"I said Mass Devereux," he repeated in dignified rebuke. "She came up once for Chicago. Sister Theresa depends particularly upon Miss Devereux, -so I've heard, sir. Miss Devereux quite takes charge when the Sister goes away."

"You seem full of information," I remarked, taking another step toward my hat and coat.

"Well?"

"They all came together, sir."

"Who came; will you tell me that?" "Why, the people who've been traveling with Mr. Pickering came back with him, and Miss Devereux came with them from Cincinnati. That's what I learned in the viilage. And Mr. Pickering is going to stay—"

"Pickering stay!" "At a cottage across the lake for a while. The reason is that he's worn out with his work, and wishes quiet. The other people went back to New Tork in the car."

"He's opened his summer cottage for January, has he?"

"It does seem the least bit odd, sir," replied Bates, moving away.

I had been blue enough without this news. Marian Devereux had come back to Annandale with Arthur Pickering, my faith in her snapped like a now entitled to my grandfather's property she was losing no time in return-She and Pickering had discussed together at the Armstrongs' my flight Mr. Glenarm, if you could " from Annandale, and her return could was a strong tie between them, and that he was now to stay on the ground until I should be dispossessed and her zights established. She had dared me to follow her, and my forfeiture had you and Arthur Pickering stand to been sealed by that stolen interview gether I take the other side of the bar ord, and the thought of it angered me quire me to vacate, so that you may sgainst myself and the world. "Tell Mr. Donovan that I've gone to

A Sister admitted me. Somewhere situation," she remarked icily. in the building a music lesson was in ful efforts of Mr. Pickering's allies to progress, and I consumed the inventor of planos to hideous torment as scales assassinate me, as a mild form of elimwere pursued endlessly up and down the keys. Two girls passing through the hall made a pretext of looking for a book and came in and exclaimed ever their mability to find it with your mercy. I have no other home much suppressed giggling that added further to my rage.

The piano pounding continued and I waited for what seemed an interminable time. It was growing dark and a maid brought lamps. I took a book from the table. It was "The Life of Benvenuto Cellini" and Marian Devereux was written on the fly leaf, by unmistakably the same hand that had penned the apology for Olivia's performances. I saw in the clear, flowing Thes of the signature, in their lack of superfluity, her own ease, grace and charm; and, in the deeper stroke with which the "x" was crossed. I felt a challenge, a readiness to abide by consequences once her word was given. Then my own inclination to think well of her angered me, and I dropped the Book impatiently as she crossed the threshold.

"I am sorry to have kept you waitmg. Mr. Glenarm. But this is my busy

"I shall not detain you long. I came, -I hesitated, not knowing why I had

She took a chair near the open door and bent forward with an air of attention that was disquieting. She wore Mack-perhaps to fit her the better into the house of a somber Sisterhood. I seemed suddenly to remember her from a time long gone, and the effort of memory threw me off guard. Stoddard had said there were several hideons walls, I snapped; "to tell you Olivia Armstrongs; there were cartainly many Marian Devereuxs. The allence grew intolerable; she was waiting for me to speak, and I blurted:

"I suppose you have come to take charge of the property.

"Do you" she asked.

"And you came back with the excepfor to facilitate matters. I'm glad to against him and his treasure-hunters | a| teeth. see that you lose no time "

"Oh"" she said lingeringly, as though she were finding with difficulty the monversation. Her calmness was mad-

dening. opose you thought it unwise to a is transed defeated -

Her elbow on the arm of the chair, her hand resting against her cheek. the light rippling goldenly in her hair, her eyes bent upon me inquiringly. mournfully,-mournfully, as I had seen them-where!-once before! My heart

thought. "I remember now the first time." I said, more angry than I had ever been before in my life.

leaped in that moment, with that

and nodded her head tronically.

"It was at Sherry's; you were with Pickering-you dropped your fan and he picked it up, and you turned toward me for a moment. You were in black that night; it was the unhappt ness in your face, in your eyes, that made me remember."

I was intent upon the recollection, eager to fix and establish it.

"You are quite right. It was at Sherry's. I was wearing black then: many things made me unhappy that

Her forehead contracted slightly and she pressed her lips together. "I suppose that even then the con

spiracy was thoroughly arranged," I said tauntingly, laughing a little per haps, in my brutal impulse to wound her, to take vengeance upon her.

"And I've learned something else, hand resting upon it. I faced her, her eyes were like violet seas. She spoke very quietly.

'Mr. Glenarm, has it occurred to you that when I talked to you there in the park, when I risked unpleasant gosafp in receiving you in a house where you had no possible right to be, that I was counting upon something,-foolishly and stupidly,-yet counting upon it?

"You probably thought I was a fool, "No,"-she smilled slightly. " thought-I believe I have said this to you before!-that you were a gentle-

man. I really did, Mr. Glenarm. must say it to justify myself. I relied upon your chivalry,-I even thought when I played being Olivia, -that you had a sense of humor. But you are not the one and you haven't the other. I even went so far, after you knew per fectly well who I was, to try to help you-to encourage you to prove your med at this astounding news Being self the man your grandfather wished you to be. And now you come to me in a shocking bad humor.-- I really think you would like to be insulting.

"But Pickering,-you came back have no other meaning than that there with him; he is here and he is going to stay! And now that the property belongs to you, there is not the slightest reason why we should make any pretense of anything but enmity. When at the Armstrongs'. It was a black rec. ricade! I suppose chivalry would reenjoy at once the spoils of war," I stormed with growing heat.

St. Agatha's," I said, and I was soon cult to eliminate you as a factor in the

ination, one would naturally expect me to sit calmly down and walt to be shot in the back. But you may tell Mr. than this shell over the way, and I beg to be allowed to remain until-at least-the bluebirds come

"I quite sympathize with your re-



"I Quite Sympathize with Your Reluctance to Deliver the Message

Inctance to deliver the message yourself," she said. "Is this all you came to say."

have the house, and everything in its that my chivalry is enough for come situations and that I don't intend to fight a woman. I had accepted your TWO renouncement of the legacy in good part, but now, please helieve me, possession to you whenever you ask and assassins I will hold out for a dozen years!"

what complex character."

"My character is my own, whatever M. is." I blurted.

the bluebird when you had be proposition," she rapiled, and I was ann into breaking a promise. gry to find how the migrib I had loved

She half-turned away so that I forty-foot trestle over Fleming Creek might not see her face. The thought One of the most striking features

Your blustering can hardly conceal the gond recognition. fact of your failures. I had boped you One man was killed and many jetwould really be of some help to Sister Theresa and incidentally to me, but we both sadly misjudged you."

Her tone, changing from amused in difference to severest disdain, stant The motorman lost his life in having sought her. My anger was not the car to avoid the collision. against her, but against Pickering, whhad, I persuaded myself, always blocked my path. She went on.

even in humor." She drew herself up with traric

scorn in every line of her figure, then relaxed, laughed and was Offvia again. and as I watched her .- wondering, per, rring a loaded shoteun, and away and ran-I am sure she ranfrom the room.

She left me so quickly, so softly that I stood staring like a fool at the had cought him. spot where she had been, and then I went gloomily back to Glenarm House. angry, ashamed and crestfallen.

made a clean breast of my acquaint ance with her to Larry, omitting nothing,-rejoicing even to paint my own induct as black as possible.

You may remember her," I con-She was with Pickering, and you no be used in an effort to tracfired ber, spoke of ber, as the went incenduaries,

bored, or tired or sich." Bless for ance Commissioner Heary Prewitt

pressed the tobucco viciously into the

sympathy, you fool! I didn't mean for you to invoke your infamous gods

maddening sweetness and patience arrest Shotwell. What I was trying to intimate very | The warrant was in Sheriff Crole; mildly was the fact, burne in upon my hand when he fell murtally wounde you are, to be bold, my, lad, to be been stratch with an iron lar bold,-a good deal of a damned fool." The trilling of his r's was like the

whirring rise of a covey of quail. "Dinner is served," announced Bates, chanting an Irish love-song

(To Be Continued.)

ITEMS OF

hall storm in many years passed ovday evening passing to the northeast, who lives on Lexington avenue of large size; trees were stripped of leaves the ground of the Bourbon Fishing Club, where the opening Pickering that I throw myself upon ceremonies were in progress, suffered severely and the guests were driven in doors by the pelting hall horse did not break anything but storm which broke up the proceedings a plank on the front porch. This Reports from the county tell of great damage done to young crops. One of the visitors to the fishing club reception brought back to Paris In order to test a principle of law a bucket of hall stones, one which was the size of a walnut.

> early Wednesday morning of last that killed his dog week people turned out with clubs. The suit is the first of the kind evand steel on the hunt for the rodents, or brought in this State.—Lexington Several thousand were killed.

Cynthiana, Ky., May 8 -- While 11tempting to steal a ride on a freight train, Brock Jenkins, young man, was hit by one of the territory, weekly salary of \$1972 cars and knocked under the moving per year and expenses. Address, Jos train, four of the cars running over this Alexander, Louisa. "I came to tell you that you could his body and cutting him in two,

She was ninety-six years old denil last October. Her mind had been clear until a short time before her It shall be yours to morrow. I'll yield death, and a remarkable fact was and are in the market for that up to the time of her dembeit -- but never to Arthur Pickering! As she had a complete set of natur- All kinds of

Flemingsburg, Ky., May 10 - Two "Nobly spoken Mr. Gismarmi Yours dead, ten seriously injured and five except green beans. We buy apples, note in which I wished to pitch the is really an admirable, though some slightly injured was the result of onions, irish and sweet potatoes, cabthe worst wreck in the history of page, tomatoes, eggs, poultry, hides Southeastern Railroad, which occurred ket price in cash. at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon three Give us a trial. narrow-guage combination passenger Gay, W. Va.

that she should countenance Picker of the wrock was that the ill-fated ing in any way tore me with jenious train was a funeral train bearing the corpse of Rankin's brother from Coxington to Hillsboro to be interred. mon Americanese as one who quits. The corpse was mangled aimost be-

sons injured when a heavily londer street car crashed into a passenger train on Broadway, in Lexington. me into self-plty for my stupidity is value effort to couch the speed of

Newton Veal, a prominent farmer of Payette county, was shot and in-"Mr. Pickering is decidedly more stantly killed by Robert Hocker, a than a match for won, Mr. Glenarm .- neuro who had previously worked for Veal. Veal was not armed and the he was fired upon without wathing Hocker field in a spring wagon, earplexed chaggined,—she turned swiftly purshed by Veal's brothers. Neighbors of Veni spent the night mouring the country for the negro with the intention of lynching him if they

The tobacco barn of W. A. Shirtey, who has been buying for the While we were waiting for dinner I trust in Carroll county, was burned by incondiaries at Sanders. The barn contained 200,000 pounds of fine Hurley tobacco. This is the first time that a barn has been burned cluded,— she was the girl we saw at since the tobacco war begin in the Sherry's that night we dised there: Burley district. Bloodhounds Will

why her eyes haunted me for days, shows that during the last year the Capital \$50,000 00. A look of after seach rame into his found looses by fire paid in Kentucky Three and he eved me contemptationally were \$1.515.79104 willie the compon-off course I mean it " I thundered less collected in incintume \$4.115.

bowl, and swore steadily in Gaelic on way, back to Frankfort with the blood spattered warrant for the "Stop!" I lawled. "Do you think arrest of John Shotwell, the jacoled that's helping me? And to have your convict who killed Sheriff Croley and curse in your blackguardly Irish dis Shariff Ward, at Williamburn, while lect! I wanted a little Angle-Saxes they were trying to serve the warrunt on him, Captain C. W. Lenzmire passed through here today. He "Don't be violent, lad. Violence is said it would be necessary to take reprehensible," he admonished with the State troops to Williamsburg to

through years of acquaintance, that with his skull crushed after he had

The warrant became bloodier, Croley grappled with Shutwell. 1 will be presented to Governor Beckand Larry led the way, mockingly ham with Captain Longuire's report so that the Governor may understand what an officer has to contend with in serving a legal process in some parts of Eastern Kentucky

> INTEREST. Robert Ogden, a rural mail carrier, was leading a three year old horse down Lexington avenue when it became frightened at a dog and broke away from him. The horse got into the back yard of Will Batson. then went upon the back porch of Eatson's house through a door ing into a hall, then into the family room and parlor, out the front door on the front porch and then to the front yard, where it was caught. The remarkable thing was that the phenomenal occurrance was by half a dozen people and they youch for the truth of It.

of and ascertain if damages can be recovered on the value of property assumed to be the cause of a certain Many persons in Nicholas county tax rate, Andrew Mitchell, of Keene, celebrated May 1st by killing rats, filed suit in the court of Justice which had become so numerous that Sandusky against the L and A they caused the farmers in that coun- Railroad Company to recover \$100 ty great damage. Green R. Kellar, damages for the alleged killing of editor of the Carisle Mercury, sug- his dog. Mr. Mitchell assumes that gested that May 1st, everyone turn masmuch as he is compelled to pay out and kill rats. Large bills were \$1 tax on his dog which is the tax printed and posted in different di-rate on property valued at \$100, rections of the county notifying ter- he has the right to recover \$100 Hents of the intended slaughter, and damages from the railroad company

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